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The Honorable John Stennis
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

Now that I have returned to the Central Intelligence Agency, I must tell you how much the opportunity to serve with the Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee and my association with you and Jim Kendall have meant to me. Without any qualifications whatsoever, I want you and Jim to know that it was one of the most rewarding and inspiring experiences of my life.

I believe sincerely that the nuclear test ban hearings performed a service to our nation that has been only partially recognized yet. At the very least the hearings engendered an examination of the military and security aspects of the treaty which was more thorough and detailed than would otherwise have been the case, and I am proud to have had a role to play in the preparation and conduct of them.

But, above all, I want to thank you and Jim for your kindness, help and friendship throughout our association and for the honor you bestowed on me by inviting me to become a member of the subcommittee staff. My decision to return to the Agency was one of the most difficult I have ever had to make.

With my deepest respect and admiration,

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